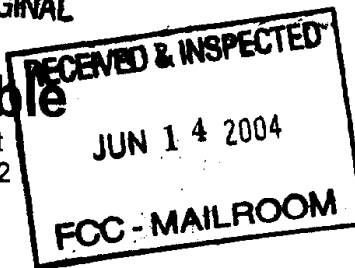


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June 8, 2004

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: MM Docket No. 99-325**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I have the privilege of serving as Chair of University Radio Foundation, Inc. [URF] in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Foundation is the parent of NPR affiliates WFAE-FM in Charlotte and WFHE-FM in Hickory, NC.

URF has recognized the benefit of converting from an analog signal to a digital signal and has invested in so doing over the past few years. We believe both the quality of signal and the potential content from this conversion will benefit our listening audience throughout central North Carolina.

URF believes that our audience can be better served through the creation of a supplemental audio programming channel, something possible with the advent of the digital signal and technology. WFAE and WFHE are an integral core of the fabric of our area, and creating such an alternative channel is a cost-effective manner for our audience to benefit from additional quality programming. The supplemental channel will enhance our ability to solicit the public contributions necessary to sustain our quality-programming efforts in the future, widening the audience from today's level.

We are delighted that technology has offered the opportunity for stations such as ours to efficiently expand the programming content and diversity to our audience. We request that approval for signal multiplexing be granted.

And, of course, we invite you to join our loyal listening audience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ross M. Annable".

Ross M. Annable  
President, Wachovia Securities, Inc. (retired)  
WFAE/WFHE Board of Directors

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